

Kingdom Economics

Living With God's Perspective On Money

God Notices

Philippians 4:10-20



Sermon Notes | Jeff Randleman | January 18, 2026

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– Philippians 4:18 (ESV)

God Notices...

...Because his work is being accomplished.

The Christians at Philippi sent Paul "help" – a clear reference to money.

Every time you give, it leads to some aspect of God's work being accomplished.

Money has to be given before it can do any good.

...And he does something on our behalf.

Paul says these gifts were credited to their account.

No one can give on your behalf.

God keeps track of your love and your efforts for Him – this includes giving.

God never makes a mistake in His accounting.

...And he is pleased with our giving.

When we give, God likes what we're doing.

The Philippians' gifts were...

A fragrant offering.

An acceptable sacrifice.

Pleasing to God.

Your gifts do the same thing.

...And he extends his personal care to us.

Paul says God will meet every need you have.

His care and provision for us is not "out of" but "according to" - that means it never runs out!

Most of all, these riches are "in Christ" - that means giving is not just about money, it's about believing.

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Discussion Questions | Jeff Randleman | January 11, 2026

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Matters for Reflection and Discussion:

1. In Philippians 4:10, Paul expresses gratitude to God before he thanks the Philippians. What does this reveal about how he understood the source and purpose of their generosity?
2. Why is it significant that the “help” sent to Paul was financial support? How does this shape our understanding of money as a spiritual tool?
3. Money has to be given before it can do any good. What practical or spiritual obstacles sometimes keep believers from releasing their resources?
4. Paul says the Philippians’ gifts were “credited to their account.” How does this idea challenge or encourage your understanding of eternal reward and stewardship?
5. Why do you think Paul emphasizes that no one can give on our behalf? How does this speak to personal responsibility in following Christ?
6. The Philippians’ gifts are described as a “fragrant offering” and an “acceptable sacrifice.” How do these Old Testament images deepen the meaning of Christian giving today?
7. In what ways can giving become an act of worship rather than a mere obligation or budget item?
8. Paul promises that God will meet every need “according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.” How is this different from God meeting our needs “out of” his riches?
9. How does connecting God’s provision “in Christ” shift the focus of giving from finances to faith and trust?
10. What is one concrete step you could take this week to align your giving more closely with God’s work and your trust in his care?